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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

February 20, 2009

To: Docket Control

ORIGINAL

RE: Far West Water & Sewer, Inc. - Customer Comments
Docket No. WS-03478A-08-0454

Please docket the attached 143 customer comments OPPOSING the above filed rate case.

Customer comments can be reviewed in E-docket under the above docket number.

Filed by: Utilities Division – Consumer Services

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WS 03478A 08.0454

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Trish Meeter

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion **No.** 2009 76731

Date: 2/19/2009

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed
 N/A Not Applicable

Complaint By: **First:** Carol **Last:** Curtis

Account Name: Carol Curtis

Home: (000) 000-0000

Street: [REDACTED]

Work:

City: Yuma

CBR:

State: AZ **Zip:** 85365

is:

Utility Company: Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.

Division: Water

Contact Name: [REDACTED]

Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

Nature of Complaint:

DOCKET NO. WS 013478A 08 0454

From: AI&Carol curtis [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 8:53 AM
To: Utilities Div - Mailbox
Subject: Arizona Corporation Commission Public Comment Form

AAFrancFFranes Carol Curtis

February 18, 2009

[REDACTED] Yuma, Arizona 85365

Phone: 928-342-9267

Docket I wish to comment on: WS-03478A-08-0454

Case or Utility Name: Far West Water & Sewer Company

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My E-mail Address: hotflash2@hotmail.com

My Position On The Docket: CON

Based on the information I have received I , a customer of Far West Water And sewer Co., would like to as the Arizona corporation Commission to NOT APPROVE the application submitted by Far West Water and Sewer Company. Docket Number WS-03478A-08-0454
End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

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End of Comments

Date Completed: 2/19/2009

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Investigator: Trish Meeter

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion No. 2009 76744

Date: 2/19/2009

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed
N/A Not Applicable

Complaint By: First: Last:
Jim Jim Kindle

Account Name: Jim Kindle

Home: (000) 000-0000

Street: [REDACTED]

Work:

City: Yuma

CBR: [REDACTED]

State: AZ Zip: 85365

is: E-Mail

Utility Company: Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.

Division: Water

Contact Name: [REDACTED]

Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

Nature of Complaint:

2/18 DOCKET NO. WS 03478A 08 0454

From: Jim Kindle [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 9:58 AM
To: Utilities Div - Mailbox
Subject: Fw: Sewer Rates Docket #WS-03478A-08-0454

Note; this is a second message as I did not have the docket number on the previous one.
-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Kindle
Date: 2/18/2009 9:53:55 AM
To: mailmaster@azcc.gov
Subject: Sewer Rates

My name is Jim Kindle at 9594 E. 34th Ln. Yuma Az. 85365 I wish to voice my objections to the ridiculous sewer rate increase by Far West water and sewer company.

We are in the middle of a economic crisis and for them to want the increase they are asking is beyond and common sense.

Most people out in the Foothills area are on fixed incomes as I am, we cannot afford it.

It will if approved lower our property values.

Why should I be discriminated against since I live in the city of Yuma and their rates I understand for sewer is around \$30 per month. I would not object to paying this amount,

They evidently do not have qualified persons operating their system which also may be substandard, as we are treated with an over amount of bad smell.

There is no reason why if the city of Yuma can operate their system with what they charge so should Far West

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be able to do it, seems like mis-management may be the problem.

I respectfully request you do not allow them to achieve the rate goals they are asking for. Thank you.

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

DOCKETED

End of Comments

Date Completed: 2/19/2009

Opinion No. 2009 - 76744

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Investigator: Carmen Madrid

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion **No.** 2009 76798

Date: 2/20/2009

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed
N/A Not Applicable

First:

Last:

Complaint By: **Bonnie**

Massa

Account Name: Bonnie Massa

Home: [REDACTED]

Street: [REDACTED]

Work: (000) 000-0000

City: Yuma

CBR: [REDACTED]

State: AZ Zip: 85367

is: Cellular

Utility Company: **Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.**

Division: Water

Contact Name: n/a

Contact Phone: n/a

Nature of Complaint:

From: Bonnie Massa [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2009 7:39 PM
To: Utilities Div - Mailbox
Subject: Vote NO on Far West Sewer Increase

To Whom it may concern:

I strongly object to the proposal to increase the sewer rates by as much as 200% over the next 2 years!!
What are they thinking????? The Country is already taking it in the shorts, and now this increase makes me
want to scream.

Bonnie Massa

Yuma address: [REDACTED]

This address is only a 2 space RV lot, and is not my primary home

Primary home address is: [REDACTED]

H phone [REDACTED]

C ph [REDACTED]

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

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2/20/09 Opinion noted and docketed in WS-03478A-08-0454. Closed

End of Comments

Date Completed: 2/20/2009

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Investigator: Richard Martinez

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion **No.** 2009 76348

Date: 2/13/2009

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed
N/A Not Applicable

First:

Last:

Complaint By: **Petition**

Petition

Account Name: Linda Lang, Gary Olund, Shirley Olund, Cecil Olund

Home: (000) 000-0000

Street: email

Work:

City: Yuma

CBR: [REDACTED]

State: AZ **Zip:** 85366

is: E-Mail

Utility Company: Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.

Division: Water

Contact Name: [REDACTED]

Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

Nature of Complaint:

Docket # WS-03478A-08-0454

Received the following email:

From: Linda Lang [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2009 6:09 PM
To: Newman-Web; Pierce-Web; Mayes-WebEmail; Kennedy-Web; Admin Div - Mailbox; Hearings Division;
Utilities Div - Mailbox
Subject: Docket # WS-03478A

We are Winter visitors here from 5 to 6 months and enjoy the weather, but we are also retired and with the increase proposal for the Water and Sewer and the economy in such a state we may have to reconsider our Winter homes. We spend money at local business and help with economy here I am sure.... So I hope you will RECONSIDER this increase you are trying to push through.

The following four customers are opposed to the rate increase application by Far West Water and Sewer Co.

Gary Olund - Foothills
Shirley Olund - Foothills
Cecil Olund - Foothills
Linda Lang - Foothills

and many more of our friends and neighbors !!

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

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End of Response

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

I emailed this OPINION to Carmen Madrid @ ACC Phoenix Office to have this docketed towards Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.- Docket # WS-03478A-08-0454. FILE CLOSED.

End of Comments

Date Completed: 2/13/2009

Opinion No. 2009 - 76348

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Investigator: Trish Meeter

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion **No.** 2009 76728

Date: 2/19/2009

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed
N/A Not Applicable

Complaint By: **First:** Joe **Last:** Walton

Account Name: Joe Walton

Home: [REDACTED]

Street: [REDACTED]

Work:

City: Yuma

CBR:

State: AZ **Zip:** 85365

is:

Utility Company: Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.

Division: Water

Contact Name: [REDACTED]

Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

Nature of Complaint:

2/18*****DOCKET NO. WS-03478A-08-0454

From: Joe Walton [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 10:31 PM

To: Utilities Div - Mailbox

Subject: Docket # WS-03478A-08-0454

RE: Docket # WS03478A-08-0454 MY POSITION = (X)CON

Proposed Rate Increase for Far West Water and Sewer

Joe Walton [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Please DO NOT approve the application submitted by Far West Water and Sewer Company, Docket No. WS-03478A-08-0454.

As you are aware anytime you fine or charge a company the charge is passed along to the consumer as a part of the purchase price of the service or product they provide and the customers of Far West are no exception. Most of their customers are seasonal using their service less than 5 months a year and while this provides some

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unique problems, they should be able to deal with them or face the fact that they are poor at what they do and get out of the business. Currently Far West is charging the average winter visitor in excess of \$50 per month for sewer when you take in account the fact that you have to pay for 12 months service and your average visitor is only here 3 to 5 months. I feel that is outrageous. On top of it all many of its customers pay a year in advance, so they have a very large re-occurring interest free loan. The ironic part is we are paying Far West to stink up our neighborhood, Vista Del Sol.

Everyone knows the game, but few are as pompous as Far West Sewer. By requesting an enormous increase they are planning on a %50 to %100 percent increase over the next three years. At a time when fuel is down, unemployment is up they are requesting more money for doing a very sub-standard job at best.

They should not be awarded anything for such poor service. It was their decision to go into this business and make the commitments they did. We are counting on your support in this matter.

Thank-you

Joe Walton

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

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End of Comments

Date Completed: 2/19/2009

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Investigator: Trish Meeter

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion No. 2009 76748

Date: 2/19/2009

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed
N/A Not Applicable

Complaint By: **First:** Ron **Last:** Souster

Account Name: Ron Souster

Home: (000) 000-0000

Street: n/a

Work:

City: n/a

CBR:

State: AZ **Zip:** n/a

is:

Utility Company: Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.

Division: Water

Contact Name: [REDACTED]

Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

Nature of Complaint:

DOCKET NO. WS 03478A 08 0454

PETITION LETTER REC'VD. CUSTOMER OPPOSED TO RATE INCREASE

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

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End of Comments

Date Completed: 2/19/2009

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Investigator: Al Amezcua

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion **No.** 2009 - 76441

Date: 2/17/2009

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed
N/A Not Applicable

First:

Last:

Complaint By:

Franklin D

Atkins

Account Name:

Franklin D Atkins

Home: [REDACTED]

Street:

[REDACTED]

Work: (000) 000-0000

City:

n/a

CBR: [REDACTED]

State:

AZ

Zip: 00000

is: E-Mail

Utility Company:

Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.

Division:

Water

Contact Name:

Roxanne Fiddes

Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

Nature of Complaint:

NO NO NO - they are taking advantage of the winter visitors. We live on fixed incomes and seek warmer less expensive way of life for winter- This increase will be a terrible injustice for all if passed. We are only here 5 to 6 months a year and pay 12 months - What are they doing with the money? We just had an increase in 2007 just because they are trying to over build the area doesn't mean we need to pay for it.

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

February 17, 2009

RE: FAR WEST WATER AND SEWER

Dear Water Customer:

Your letter regarding the Far West Water and Sewer ("Far West") rate case will be placed on file with the Docket Control Center of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") to be made part of the record. The Commission will consider your comments before a decision is rendered in the Far West application.

The concerns raised in letters received from customers will assist the Commission in the investigation and review of the rate application. The Commission's independent analysis of the utility and its rate request attempts to balance the interest of the utility and its customers.

Commission Staff is very sensitive to the burden that high utility rates can place on the consumer, and though constitutionally required to allow a fair return to the utility, does everything within its authority to protect the consumer.

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Staff appreciates your comments and the interest taken on the proposed rate increase. If you should have any questions relating to this issue, please call me toll free at (800) 222-7000.

Sincerely,

Alfonso Amezcua
Public Utilities Consumer Analyst II
Utilities Division
End of Comments

Date Completed: 2/17/2009

Opinion No. 2009 - 76441

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UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Al Amezcua

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion **No.** 2009 - 76435

Date: 2/17/2009

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed
N/A Not Applicable

First:

Last:

Complaint By: **Ann**

Reed

Account Name: Ann Reed

Home: [REDACTED]

Street: n/a

Work: (000) 000-0000

City: n/a

CBR: [REDACTED]

State: AZ **Zip:** n/a

is: E-Mail

Utility Company: **Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.**

Division: Water

Contact Name: Roxanne Fiddes

Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

Nature of Complaint:

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February
To: Utilities Div - Mailbox
Subject: nay to sewer rate increase

hi, am sending this, do not know how to do attachments.

docket # ws-03478A-08-0454

We really must oppose this. So many of us on social security & this would really make it scary for us to continue to come down here for 6 mo. Plus pay for it all summer when water is shut off & not even in use. We have talked to some folks who will for sure sell out or not come back to rent.

So this would be shooting yourself in the foot as you would loss income at a very large rate. Please do not pass this increase! We have a home here & when we hook up each fall it is a large chunk extra now. Plus our mother on very limited income would really feel the impact of this. Please reconsider.

Thank you,
Ann Reed [REDACTED] Can you let me know if you get this.

Plus for our daughter 's lot also we protest for 4 lots.
End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

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2/17/09 email response

February 17, 2009

RE: FAR WEST WATER AND SEWER

Dear Water Customer:

Your email regarding the Far West Water and Sewer "Far West" rate case will be placed on file with the Docket Control Center of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") to be made part of the record. The Commission will consider your comments before a decision is rendered in the Far West application.

The concerns raised in letters received from customers will assist the Commission in the investigation and review of the rate application. The Commission's independent analysis of the utility and its rate request attempts to balance the interest of the utility and its customers.

Commission Staff is very sensitive to the burden that high utility rates can place on the consumer, and though constitutionally required to allow a fair return to the utility, does everything within its authority to protect the consumer.

Staff appreciates your comments and the interest taken on the proposed rate increase. If you should have any questions relating to this issue, please call me toll free at (800) 222-7000.

Sincerely,

Alfonso Amezcua
Public Utilities Consumer Analyst II
Utilities Division
End of Comments

Date Completed: 2/17/2009

Opinion No. 2009 - 76435

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UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Carmen Madrid

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion No. 2009 76799

Date: 2/20/2009

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed
N/A Not Applicable

Complaint By: **First:** LeRoy **Last:** Hancock Jr.

Account Name: LeRoy Hancock Jr

Home: [REDACTED]

Street: [REDACTED]

Work: (000) 000-0000

City: Yuma

CBR: [REDACTED]

State: AZ **Zip:** 85367

is: E-Mail

Utility Company: Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.

Division: Water

Contact Name: n/a

Contact Phone: n/a

Nature of Complaint:

From: Andy Hancock [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2009 8:05 PM
To: Utilities Div - Mailbox
Subject: Proposed Rate Increase for Far West Sewer & Water

February 19, 2009

Subject: Proposed Rate Increase for Far West Sewer & Water, Docket # WS-03478A-08-0454

As a property owner in Vista Del Sol Subdivision, I want to express my opposition or (X) CON vote on the requested rate increase by Far West Sewer & Water. Please DO NOT approve the application submitted by Far West Water and Sewer Company, Docket # WS-3478A-08-0454.

This rate increase is totally out of perspective with any inflationary cost increases that may have been seen by Far West Water & Sewer. It far exceeds any increases by other utility services. It also will place an unacceptable burden on retired property owners who are living on fixed assets. The incomes for retired property owners has dropped significantly with the decreasing interest and dividend rates. We can't afford real estate with these kind of rates and rate increases. Again....please do not approve this application.

Thank You

LeRoy Hancock Jr

LeRoy Hancock Jr

[REDACTED]
Yuma, AZ 85365
[REDACTED]

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End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

2/20/09 Opinion noted and docketed in WS-03478A-08-0454. Closed

End of Comments

Date Completed: 2/20/2009

Opinion No. 2009 - 76799

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UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Carmen Madrid

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion No. 2009 76791

Date: 2/20/2009

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed
N/A Not Applicable

First:

Last:

Complaint By: Mr. & Mrs. Barney Goldsbary

Account Name: Mr. & Mrs. Barney Goldsbary

Home: (928) 342-5950

Street: n/a

Work: (000) 000-0000

City: Yuma

CBR:

State: AZ **Zip:** 00000

is:

Utility Company: Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.

Division: Water

Contact Name: n/a

Contact Phone: n/a

Nature of Complaint:

Consumer is dead set against any rate increase applied for by Far West Water & Sewer Company. She states that they are snowbirds and have to pay for sewer services year round. She states that a 200% increase is unheard of especially in this economic state that everyone is facing. She states that some time ago the City of Yuma wanted to incorporate the Foothills into their City but didn't for some reason. Things could have been different if they had.

She plans to attend the Public Comment Meeting on March 5, 2009.

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

I explained to consumer that her opinion would be filed in the docket and distributed. She appreciated the information. Closed

Filed in Docket No. WS-03478A-08-0454

End of Comments

Date Completed: 2/20/2009

Opinion No. 2009 - 76791

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Investigator: Carmen Madrid

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion No. 2009 76788

Date: 2/20/2009

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed
19D Other - ACC Admin. Questions

First:

Last:

Complaint By: Scott F.

Mensing

Account Name: Scott F. Mensing

Home: (000) 000-0000

Street: n/a

Work: (000) 000-0000

City: Yuma

CBR:

State: AZ **Zip:** 00000

is:

Utility Company: Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.

Division: Water

Contact Name: n/a

Contact Phone: n/a

Nature of Complaint:

Consumer owns property in Yuma and he lives in another state. His Father pays the utility bills for this location. Consumer was informed of the rate applications that were filed by Far West Water & Sewer Company. He will be filing his opinion opposing the increases requested.

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

In conversing with consumer he wanted to know where to find the public comment form on the ACC website. I gave him the information on how access the form. Closed

End of Comments

Date Completed: 2/20/2009

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Investigator: Trish Meeter

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion No. 2009 76783

Date: 2/20/2009

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed
N/A Not Applicable

Complaint By: **First:** Bruce **Last:** Mullen

Account Name: Bruce Mullen

Home: (000) 000-0000

Street: [REDACTED]

Work:

City: Yuma

CBR:

State: AZ **Zip:** 85365

is:

Utility Company: Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.

Division: Water

Contact Name: [REDACTED]

Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

Nature of Complaint:

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They doubled the rate by making it mandatory to pay for 12 months even if you are only here for 5 months a year, in 2004. We all paid for infrastructure when we bought our lots. There books need to be opened up to the public by an independent audit. The principals in the company appear to at best have few scruples. We don't need to pay for their failed business ventures.

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

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End of Comments

Date Completed: 2/20/2009

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Investigator: Trish Meeter

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion **No.** 2009 **76787**

Date: 2/20/2009

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed
N/A Not Applicable

First:

Last:

Complaint By:

David & Lois

Cameron

Account Name:

David & Lois Cameron

Home: (000) 000-0000

Street:

[REDACTED]

Work:

City:

Yuma

CBR:

State:

AZ

Zip: 85365

is:

Utility Company:

Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.

Division:

Water

Contact Name:

[REDACTED]

Contact Phone:

[REDACTED]

Nature of Complaint:

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David Cameron

Lois Ann Cameron

Yuma, AZ 85367

365 S600E

Spanish Fork, UT S 0

Arizona Corp Commission

Consumer Services Section

1200 W Washington St.

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Ref: Docket No. WS-03478A-08-0454

To Whom It May Concern,

My wife and I are property owners in the Foothills area serviced by Far West Water and Service Company. I am opposed to the to the rate increase as requested and am writing this letter to express my view, concerns and general comments in regards to the proposed sewer rate increase by Far West Water and Service Company.

When we first purchased our property the sewer rate was \$21.75 a month for the months we had the water turned on. Since I am a winter resident, that is usually five months each year (\$100.00/yr.). Far West changed the fee to be applicable for 12 months (\$261.00/yr.) regardless of usage. That was an effective rate increase of 140 percent. The rate increase was distasteful but acceptable and even understandable at that time. The present request, if approved by the ACC, will result in an additional increase of 242 percent. The resulting sewer charges would be \$74.32/mo. or \$891.84/yr. for residential customers.

While the requested increase is applicable to all Far West Customers, the rate for "RV" usage is much less from \$5.44 to \$18.59 per parking space---located in a RV Park. Many of the residents in the Far West service area

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are winter visitors" and property owners who do not maintain a residence but utilize their property to accommodate one or two "RV's and do not contribute waste to the system most of the year, as with the RV parks. That fact begs for the question to be ask what constitutes a residence—or residential customer? Consider many of the RV spaces in the RV parks are used for "park model" homes (a residence?). It seems logical that a lot used to

accommodate/service "RV' s" should be classified as an RV facility regardless of where it is located. The majority of the lots sold in the Foothills developments are classified as "multiuse" lots, which allow them to be used as RV lots or residential lots.

The four points I wish to highlight for consideration by the ACC are:

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1. A rate increase of 382 percent (140 + 242%) over approximately 6 years is excessive, and unconscionable. Consider the present residential sewer rates for the city of Yuma, \$29.46/mo. and Yuma County, \$37.50/mo. as opposed to Far West's requested rate of \$74.32.

2. The proposed increase will certainly make property ownership in the area serviced by Far West Water less than desirable and in fact, cost prohibitive for many, me included. Many "winter visitors" are on fixed incomes with budgets that would not stretch to cover a 242% increase. Intuitively, property values will decrease.

3. What is the clear non-conflicting definition of a residence, or residential property? The properties housing Recreational Vehicles as opposed to homes, regardless of location should be classified and assessed as "RV" sites regardless of location. The same logic applies to residential properties. That issue should be addressed, studied, and clarified before the rate increase request is addressed.

4. It appears that H&S Development/Far West Water is attempting to gain the blessing of the ACC to impose exorbitant fees on present customers in order to subsidize their development costs. The cost of development should include developing, or funding the development of adequate infrastructure. That cost should not be imposed on present customers. Those costs are, and must be, the responsibility of the developer and reflected in the cost of the newly developed properties as necessary!

The proposed rate increase of 242 percent is excessive, "obscene", and unconscionable. I do appreciate your attention and diligence in reading this letter.

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c-David and Lois Ann Cameron

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Trish Meeter

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion **No.** 2009 76786

Date: 2/20/2009

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed
 N/A Not Applicable

Complaint By: **First:** **Last:**
 Arden & Karen **Racus**

Account Name: Arden & Karen Racus

Home: (000) 000-0000

Street: [REDACTED]

Work:

City: Yuma

CBR:

State: AZ **Zip:** 85365

is:

Utility Company: **Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.**

Division: Water

Contact Name: [REDACTED]

Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

Nature of Complaint:

2/19 DOCKET NO. WS-03478A-08-0454

In a time when our economy has been hurt so badly, we are now faced with this hike in our sewer bill. We struggle now with the high cost of fuel, power, food, property taxes, etc. The working people (who still have jobs) are losing what they have worked hard to put into retirement funds. Many retired people have lost much of their investments and more are losing (or have lost) their retirements. Many are having to get by on Social Security because they have no retirements.

We are winter visitors (property owners) in Yuma, AZ. Our sewer rate has already more than doubled as we now must pay year round and only use it for a 5 (five) month maximum period. Now Far West wants a 200 +% raise in sewer fees. We, As current customers do not feel that we should have to pay these exhorbitant fees to cover a new plant being built for future use. We already are not receiving the service we pay for. Far West Sewer & Water, Inc seem to be a greedy bunch that want us to bail them out of their problems!

Please, do not allow this atrocity to happen!

Sincerely,
Karen I Racus
Arden E Racus
End of Complaint

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February 14, 2009

Mr. James R. Neufeld
10751 E. 34th Pl.
Yuma, AZ 85365

Arizona Corporation Commission
Consumer Services Section
1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Far West Water & Sewer Rate Increase

I am writing to strongly protest the sewer rate increase currently being requested by Far West Water & Sewer Company in Yuma, Arizona. This is outrageous. How can you even begin to seriously entertain allowing an almost 215% increase. The area that will be impacted by this request increase is home to a large number of senior citizens on a fixed income (whose annual COLA increases over 15 years would not even come close to the 214.5% increase they are requesting), military and other working families who are already financially pressed. If Far West Water & Sewer cannot keep up with expanding services without increasing rates to long existing customers then they need to stop expanding or find another source of funding. Perhaps they need to take a hard look at what they pay their CEOs and owners then go on a diet just like the rest of us.

You keep allowing APS to increase their rates until it is all we can do to keep up and now all the other utilities want an even bigger piece of the pie. Enough already. Stop this madness.

Brigitte Neufeld

James R. Neufeld
10751 E 34th PL
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YOUR NAME <i>Willis J. Johnson</i>	DATE <i>2-9-09</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>13616 East 53rd Drive</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>Cell</i> <i>1-262-620-4234</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>sewer rate increase</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>WS-03478A-08-0757</i>
CASE OR UTILITY NAME <i>Far West Water + Sewer, Inc.</i>	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS	

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As a Seasonal Resident, we now pay \$21.75 per Mo. as of 2007. We are here 4 1/2 Mo. Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar - & pay \$261.00 per year. Now that Far West Owners opened up 3 or (4) New Subdivisions they find out the Sewer System is not adequate. This is No Fault of Property Owners BUT Poor Company Management. Far West Owners should have known before starting New Subdivisions that Sewer Plants were insufficient. 150% increase is way out of line. This would make us paying more for Sewer & Water than R.E. Taxes.

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Joe & Karen Hitchins
12721 E 47th Ln.
Yuma AZ. 85367

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Step 3 *Joseph B Hitchins*

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 10389 S. Cyclone Ave. Yuma, AZ. 85365	YOUR PHONE NUMBER (928) 210-8238
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: WS-03478A-08-0454	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0454
CASE OR UTILITY NAME FarWest's sewer service	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS d2burtis@yahoo.com	

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When we came to Yuma we could shut down our utility's when we left for six months and we didn't have to pay for the sewer while we were gone and then things changed so that we have to pay for sewer when we are not using it. Now you want to raise the price 150% more. We have our house up for sale because of our utility's , insurance, taxes keep going up. It is getting to costly for retirees with limited income to stay in Yuma. And don't forget with the present economy any increase is a hardship on everyone.

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YOUR NAME Robertz Able	DATE Feb. 13, 2009
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 9687E332 Pl. Yuma, AZ. 85365-5506	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 928-325-9086
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I am a widow, almost 82 yrs. old and on a low, limited income. I am forced to pay for sewer for 6 months while in Oregon. Rates not reduced for this period of time.

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Arizona Corporation Commission

Consumer Services Section

1200 W. Washington Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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Under current rates our residential charges is \$21.75 per month. Phase one of the request would raise our rates to \$ 54.38 per month, Phase two of the request would raise our rates to \$64.16 per month, Phase three of the requested would raise our rates to \$ 74.32 per month. The company has proposed a three year phase-in of the requested increase.

One of the reasons we bought our property approximately eight years ago, the property was in the city limits of Yuma, we were hooked up to city water, city trash, city maintained streets and Arizona power supply for electricity. At that time we were assigned Far West Water and Sewer to be responsible for our sewer connection and disposal, not water. The fee at that time was \$20.00 per month with a re-connect fee of \$20.00 each time we returned.

We are winter visitors to Yuma, spending Five to Six months of the year here. While in Yuma, we, my wife and I live in our RV. When we purchased our property, at that time, when we left Yuma we would notified Far West Water and Sewer of our departure. When we returned we again notified Far West Water and Sewer and on the next billing of \$20.00 there was additional charge of \$20.00 for re-connect. How do you turn ON or OFF a sewer connection?

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9638 E. 34th Street, Yuma, AZ. 85365 (928) 345 1314

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Jean Spain Willingham
9668 E. 36th St.
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">9642 E. 36th LN. YUMA, AZ 85365</div>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">503-639-3355</div>
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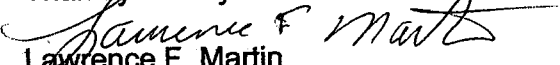
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Yuma, AZ 5367
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Background;

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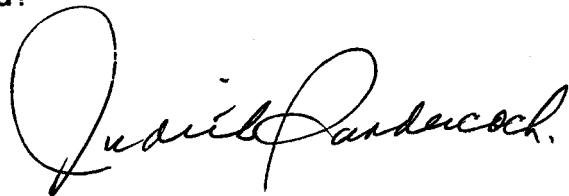
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Concerned landowners,



Lloyd R. G. Sandercock

-and-



Judith M. Sandercock,

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 14780 East 52nd Drive, Yuma AZ 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 801-703-0170
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: sewer rate increase	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0454
CASE OR UTILITY NAME Far West Water + Sewer, Inc.	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
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This is an unrealistic increase for Far West Water and Sewer, and would create a hardship for many of the residence in the Foot Hills. In most States new customers hooked up to the system is assessed a one time connection fee [up to 15,000] to cover the additional burden on the water & sewer system. In the Yuma Foot hills everyone living here is expected to cover all new hook-ups and multi-family rentals for R.V. use. This plan is not fair for most residences.

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I live at 12576 E 44 DR in Yuma AZ
I am a senior who lives on a fixed
income. we already pay Base fee water 15.59
sewer fee 21.75 total plus usage fee 4-6⁰⁰
37.28 weather I'm here or not. Any
increase above 10% would be to much and
I would have to give up my home.

Seasonal customers pay the same and
are only here for a few months per year.

please do not approve Far West application
to raise rates 200% and let us seniors
live.

Thank you Sincerely
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CELL PH.
360-904-508

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1. WHEN FAR WEST STARTED YEARLY RATES THEIR INCOME WENT UP DRAMATICALLY. AT LEAST 40 PERCENT OF THEIR CUSTOMERS ARE "SNOW BIRDS".
2. VISTA DEL SOL AREA EXPERIENCING SEWER ODORS DAILY.
3. SEWAGE BEING HAULED FROM ONE POND TO ANOTHER

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4. City / County should NOT HAVE Let Development
OVER TAX the SYSTEM.
5. AS A PRIVATELY OWNED COMPANY ARE THEY
SPENDING TO IMPROVE SYSTEM OR JUST REAPING
PROFITS?
6. IF ANY INCREASE IS GRANTED WILL ANY
ACCOUNTABILITY FOR UPGRADING THEIR SYSTEM
BE MANDATORY?
7. IN THESE TOUGH TIMES (DEPRESSION) IS A
RATE INCREASE JUSTIFIED. PEOPLE WILL SELL
& MOVE.
8. MAKE THEM SHOW WHAT THEY HAVE
DONE WITH REV. THEY GOT WITH
"YEARLY BILLING".
9. NO RATE INCREASE, NO NEW CONSTRUCTION UNTIL
THEY IMPROVE THEIR SYSTEM.

James H. Burgess

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Concerning increase in FarWest Water and Sewer fees - we already pay upwards of 20⁰⁰ a mo. for water in our park - and sewer bill is on par w/ that. I understand that the company already has other developments in our area but cannot go ahead w/ the construction of homes because the sewer coverage is not enough out here in the foothills. Looks to me like they want us to pay for their development. Most of us are retirees w/ a fixed income. I don't mind a rate increase but 200% is outrageous in anyone's book. Get real FarWest.

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McAuliffe
11322 S Ave 12E
Yuma, AZ 85367

02/18/2009

Please attach to my prior letter dated 01/26/09 for Docket # WS-03478A-08-0405; Far West Water & Sewer rate hike.

In my prior letter, I stated that this rate hike was for the benefit of developers. At that time I did not know how right I was. Please bear with me as I try to explain the following and show that the same people are involved in all of these companies:

FAR WEST WATER & SEWER have the following people as officers; Paula Schechert Capestro, and Sandi Braden.

H & S DEVELOPERS, INC. merged from Far West Water Company, Inc. on 12/30/1983 and has the following people as officers; Paula Schechert Capestro, Sandie Braden, and Dorothy Schechert.

LAS BARRANCAS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, LLC. This is a very large development with lots laid out; streets put in along with water and sewer lines. There are also markers showing where the new club house is to be built. They cannot proceed farther because of a moratorium caused by lack of sewer capacity. Las Barrancas only shows member information that indicates it is owned by H & S Developers, Inc.

CAPESTRO CONSTRUCTION, LLC has the following people as members: Paula Schechert Capestro, and Andrew J. Capestro.

EL RANCHO ENCANTADO, LLC has the following people as members; Paula Schechert Capestro, and Andrew J. Capestro. This is another large development located at Foothills Blvd, & 48th Street that is just being developed.

BRADEN DEVELOPMENT, LLC with only one member listed; Sondra Braden.

FOOTHILLS SAND & GRAVEL, LLC owned by H & S Developers, Inc.

All of the above companies have the same business address: 12486 Foothills Blvd., Yuma, AZ 85364. They also have the same CPA; Lloyd H. Sunderman, 1409 S 5th Ave. Yuma, AZ 85364.


THE JACOBSON COMPANIES, INC.; JACOBSON HOMES, LLC; and JACOBSON ENGINEERING, LLC. 1334 S. 5th Street, Yuma, AZ. 85364. Members are N. Bruce Jacobson; Michael J. Jarvis; and Carol Johnston. The reason that these three

companies are important, is that Bruce Jacobson is a trustee for *The Schechert Trust* and listed as a member for *Schechert Ranches, LLC*.

NOTE: All of the above information was obtained from your web sight at WWW. ZCC. GOV.

It is apparent that owners of Far West Water & Sewer are trying to get their customers to foot the bill to help their other businesses. Every other water and sewer company that I know of charges a large fee to hook up to these types of services, so that they can upgrade and Far West Water & Sewer should too.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lawrence D. Worland".

Lawrence D. Worland
11322 S. Ave. 12E #237
Yuma, AZ 85367-6652

Phone: 928-305-9204

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YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS → BOSSPAYNE@EARTHlink.NET	(Empty)

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 13720 E. 50TH. DR. YUMA, AZ, 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 928-345-2756
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: 20070 RATE INCREASE	DOCKET NUMBER 08 WS-03478A-0454
CASE OR UTILITY NAME FARWEST WATER & SEWER	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS ARROW LAKES CHALETS @NAKUSP.NET	

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THIS IS AN UNREALISTIC INCREASE ON THE RATE (GAUGING). POOR MANAGEMENT,

Laurent Dubois

PROPERTY OWNER. (FOOTHILL).

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 9661 E 38th St, Yuma, AZ 85365	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 928-503-0905
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: WS-03478A-080454	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-080454
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YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS terrilyn59@roadrunner.com	

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I am opposed to the rate increase that Far West Water and Sewer Inc. is requesting. They have not maintained the sewer system in our area and are operating over capacity. The result is an offensive odor in our subdivision which devalues our property. There is a sewer transfer station
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directly behind our subdivision that was supposed to be decommissioned nearly one year ago. It is still in operation and emits an offensive odor. Large tank trucks operate in the early hours of the morning (4:30 am) pumping and transporting this waste which disrupts the peacefulness of our once quiet subdivision.

I do not feel a rate increase would be beneficial for the improved operation of a company that violates many regulations as evidenced by the law suits that have been filed against Far West Water and Sewer, Inc.

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YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS tturner55@adelphia.net	

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I oppose the increase that Far West is requesting. I live in Vista del Sol subdivision year-round. The rate hike does not offer any additional services by Far West. The service they currently provide is below standard. They have to truck in waste to a

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station behind my subdivision.
There it is dumped into ponds
in very close proximity to our
subdivision boundary. The
smell is horrible. Then, it
is trucked out again to another
location. Why are they processing
sewage in my backyard?

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Bill & Elaine Kirby
14130 E. 50th Drive
Yuma AZ 85367

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>14130 E. 50 Drive Yuma, Az. 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-342-2809</i>
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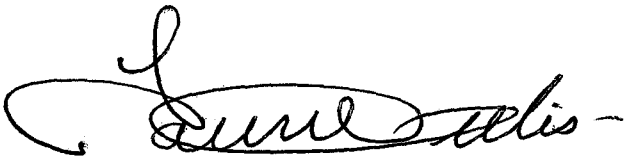
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Yuma, AZ 85367

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Respectfully,


Doyle Newbrey
14712 E 52nd Drive
Yuma, AZ 85367

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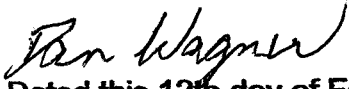
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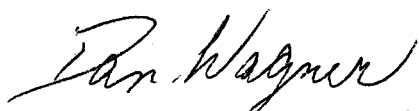
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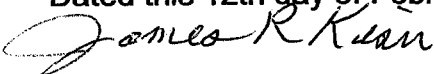
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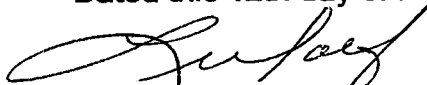
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February, 19, 2009

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Re: Docket # WS-03478A-08-0454

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Enclosed is more information to support this request for not approving the excessive rate increase being sought by Far West Water and Sewer Company.

Sincerely,

Jack L. Parker, Property Owner

Jack Parker
13676 E-53rd Ln
Yuma, AZ 85367

Jack L. Parker
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Chuck H Newbury
14477 E 54th Dr
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My wife & I live in Vista Del Sol, A 583 Building Lot development, which is within the City Limits. We pay property taxes to the City for City Services, however, our sewer service is provided by Far West. We are AGAINST ANY sewer increase beyond what other City Property Taxes Payers pays i.e. \$29.00 per month. This rate increase currently on the table goes beyond ANY reasonable adjustment. Far West has been operating above their License Limits for years and have been caught

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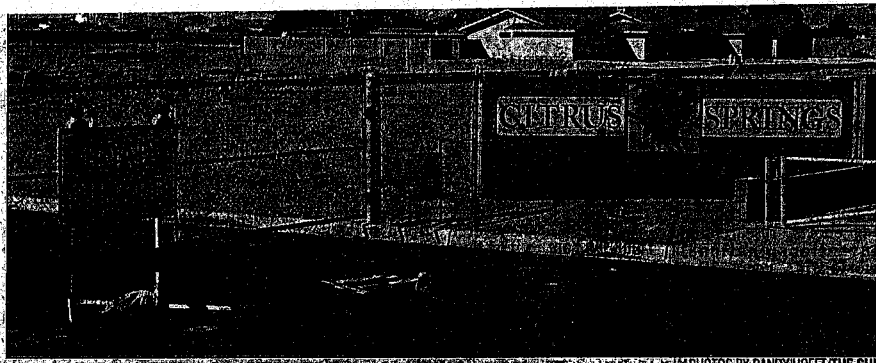
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I believe the City, County and FarWest
knowingly set the ~~the~~ wheels in motion
for this disaster by issuing permits
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Michael C. Allen



PHOTOS BY RANDY HOEF/THE SUN
 APPARENTLY AT THE CENTER of a dispute between the city of Yuma and Kammann Development is one of the developer's newest projects, Citrus Springs, which on Tuesday afternoon was locked up with gates preventing entry to the property in northwest Yuma.

Homebuilder funded petition

City action would have impacted Kammann's latest development

BY JOYCE LOBECK
 SUN STAFF WRITER

Community activists Jack Kretzer's latest petition drive targeting a city of Yuma local homebuilder who was impacted by the action.

According to the campaign financial report filed this month with the Yuma City Clerk's Office, Kammann Development provided \$10,000 to the political action committee, for which Kretzer is listed as the treasurer. The funding was used to cover the cost of circulating the petition, obtaining signatures and submitting them to the clerk's office.

The petition drive was critical of action by the Yuma City Council in November that paved the way for annexation of the Citrus Springs subdivision.

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Kretzer's dispute centered around the city's agreement to provide sewer connections to an estimated 65,000 sq ft property, north of 48th Street and west of Avenue 6, owned by William Trucker and Brian White. Kammann said the city agreed to annex the property because their property is adjacent to Citrus Springs, which cleared the way for the city to annex the subdivision, which would then be subject to the city's development impact fees.

Kammann said he had signed a preannexation agreement with the city to receive city water and sewer, but had hoped to remain outside the city to avoid the cost of impact fees on the homes he planned to build.

Kretzer turned in the petition by his deadline and with more than the required signatures. However, the city attorney's office ruled the petition was invalid because of a number of paperwork irregularities, including factual errors, lack of a clear statement about what the referendum sought to accomplish and confusing language.

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Potential homebuyers in Citrus Springs also will lose out, he said. The impact fees will add roughly \$6,000 to the cost of a house, therefore placing it out of the reach of more people, he said.

Kretzer said Tuesday he undertook the petition drive because "the state constitution prohibits cities from giving gifts. But they did anyway."

He said that Kammann offered to support his efforts and "I'm always happy to have people help."

Joyce Loback can be reached at loback@yumasun.com or 539-6853.

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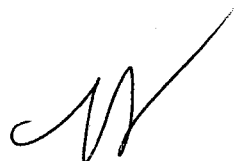
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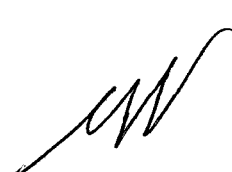
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Thank you,

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>11322 S. Ave 12E #208 Yuma AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-345-0961</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>sewer rate increase</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>WS-03478A-08-0457</i>
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 13623 E 53RD DR YUMA, AZ 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 503-313-4000
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YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS DOLSEN8851@AOL.COM	

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>13455 53rd Ln. Yuma</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>(972) 765-1090</i>
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 13590 E 55th Dr	PHONE (HOME) (928) 342-2922
NAME THAT APPEARS ON THE BILL Ron Wanamaker	ALTERNATE PHONE (DAYTIME) (541) 680-0516
NAME OF THE UTILITY COMPANY Far West Water and Sewer Inc	ACCOUNT NUMBER 00019063-1
E-MAIL ADDRESS reywana@live.com	CHECK HERE TO CONFIRM THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED THE UTILITY (SEE STEP 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR COMPLAINT OR INQUIRY:

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Please include copies of any documentation, such as bills, that our office would need to provide a response.

February 19, 2009

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TO: Arizona Corporation Commission
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One of the most critical information needs was the A&E design criteria for the additional sewage treatment facility, which reportedly cost \$20 million. Here the issue is: what was required and what may have been in pursuit of other objectives. Put another way, who should be responsible for these costs?

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Sincerely,



Gerald R. Bouck, Ph.D. (retired)
13693 S. Karimme Ave.
Yuma, AZ 85367

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From: FWW
To: grbouck@earthlink.net
Date: 2/16/2009 10:53:26 AM
Subject: RE: Information request

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Roxanne Fiddes
Far West Water and Sewer, Inc.
13157 E. 44th Street
Yuma, Arizona 85367
Phone: (928) 342-1238 X16
Fax: (928) 342-7108

From: grbouck@earthlink.net [mailto:grbouck@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2009 10:51 AM
To: FWW
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Thanks. Perhaps Dusty Smith the former CEO can help locate this very basic engineering data that would have been used in the engineering design phase of the project to expand the treatment facility. Also, the proposal states that in the test year, Far West provided sewer treatment service to 7,200 customers. What is the projected number of customers used in the design criteria and where will they come from?

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From: FWW
To: grbouck@earthlink.net
Sent: 2/16/2009 10:31:42 AM
Subject: RE: Information request

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From: grbouck@earthlink.net [mailto:grbouck@earthlink.net]
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Subject: RE: Information request

Are you saying that you will not share your design criteria with the public?

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Sent: 2/16/2009 8:06:24 AM

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Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2009 5:34 PM

To: farwestwaterandsewer

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 9653 E 36th Place		YOUR PHONE NUMBER (360) 710-3054
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We are winter resident who own property in the Foothills. We are retirees and are here because of health reasons. We stay for approximately four months of the year, but we pay water/sewer fees for the entire year. This is a winfall for Far West. If the 200% increase, is adopted, we will be paying even more for something we DON'T use.

The first year here, we turned off the services. When we returned in the fall, we paid for service we did not use in the amount equaling a whole year.

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Complaints against a rate hike by
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My husband and I are Retirees living on a Fixed income. We may be forced to sell our house. If the proposed increase passes it will devastate the local economy.

We do not feel that we should incur costs necessary to cover a new Wastewater Plant needed for future growth. This cost should be absorbed by fees on new lots being developed.

We believe Far West has not suggested this as it would reduce the parent Company's building profits, due to the recession and limiting the builders inability to charge more than the market will bear.

We also believe that this rate hike is being requested as a direct result of negligence on the part of the Water Company. They must have planned poorly.

We do not think that this cost should be carried by current customers and that Far West must maintain the facilities.

Violations have occurred from ^{1990 to} Sept. 9, ~~2008~~ 2008. There have been 49 complaints in Maricopa County Superior Court in which 50 counts were

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Filed against these companies for wastewater violations. In 2006 the plant complied with ADEQ receiving permission to allow more hookups. The Company should have focused on maintaining their current area, but instead they increased their lagoon by 300%

We feel that this is unreasonable and not justified. We think that the extra charges are to aid Hands Developers and Far West Water and Sewer in paying Settlements incurred in a law suit and penalties owed to ADEQ for safety violations.

We believe that Far West is trying to offset the costs incurred by the Parent Companies new development on 48th Street. These Are Not our responsibility. Far West and H+S Developers should have been investing their revenues in looking after the system they have then they would not be asking for aid! Other cities in Arizona have only seen rate increase 5-9% - not 200%. Sierra Vista's 5% to \$14.68 per month, Tucson's 9.5% to \$23.61 per month as of July 1, 2008, Phoenix 5% to \$28.50 per month (proposed rate). We, the customers Can Not afford this increase. Please consider our concerns and Vote No on this application. Thank you so much,
Jim Oliver Louise A. Oliver